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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following document to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of an Australian Patent Office Written Opinion mailed on February 2, 2000 with respect to related Singapore Application No. SG 9904001-6 is enclosed, in which the following documents are cited:

PCT Application WO 97/49229, along with English language family member U.S. Patent 5,796,808, was cited as disclosing the features of claims 1-12, 14-18, 20-22, 31 and 35-38;

U.S. Patent 5,751,914 was cited as disclosing the features of claims 39-41;

U.S. Patent 5,163,131 was cited as disclosing the features of claims 39-41;

U.S. Patent 5,448,566 was cited as disclosing the feature of claim 31;

U.S. Patent 5,311,578 was cited as disclosing the features of claims 1-4, 7-9, 31, 32 and 36-38;

U.S. Patent 4,680,773 was cited as disclosing the features of claims 31 and 33-35;

U.S. Patent 5,463,661 was cited as disclosing the features of claims 11-13, 15, 17-19 and

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U.S. Patent 5,644,573 was cited as disclosing the features of claims 11, 12, 17, 18 and 20;
and

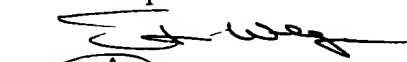
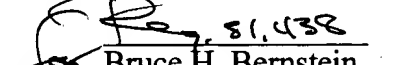
U.S. Patent 5,715,277 was cited as disclosing the features of claims 11, 12, 17, 18 and 20.

A copy of each above-cited document is enclosed herewith for the review of the Examiner, and as provided in M.P.E.P. §609. Further, the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each cited document and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the initialed form with the next communication.

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Thus, no fee is required to be paid in order to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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